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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,787,259
Europe 0837579
Europe 0920139
Europe 0696109
Europe 1124357
France 2804812
France 2778295
WO 00/59230
WO 99/29045

The documents U.S. Patent 5,787,259, Europe 0837579, Europe 0920139, Europe 0696109 and WO 00/59230 were cited during prosecution of a French patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. A copy of a French Preliminary Search Report is enclosed.

It is noted that the French Preliminary Search Report lists WO 99/29045 as an English language counterpart to Europe 0920139. Accordingly, this document has been included herein for the Examiner's consideration and the concise explanation of relevance required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 for the non-English language document Europe 0920139 is believed to be satisfied by the English language counterpart, as well as the French Preliminary Search Report.

The documents France 2778295 and France 2804812 were cited in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. Additionally, an English language abstract for the document France 2778295 has been located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language document France 2778295 is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed abstract (See MPEP § 609), as well as the discussion of this document contained in the specification of the subject application.

Regarding France 2804812, an English language counterpart, namely Europe 1124357, for this document has been located and is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the English language counterpart, as well as the description provided in the specification of the subject application.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of this application, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

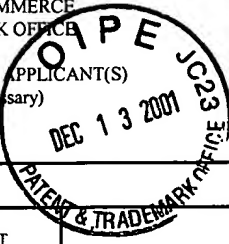
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